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TOPIC Soviet Supply Installations in the Finow Area

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Waldeslust Ammunition Depot.

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1. Between 18 and 20 March 1951, the Soviet troops at Waldeslust ammunition depot numbered about 80 officers and EM. About 800 boxes with infantry ammunition were seen in Shed No 13. Shed No 14 was about 75 percent filled with ammunition boxes which were 100 x 45 x 20 cm in size, weighing 75 kg and allegedly containing 75-mm fixed artillery shells. (1) Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ were identified in the depot area. \_\_\_\_\_ 50X1-HUM
2. At the end of March and the beginning of April, \_\_\_\_\_ activity there was greatly intensified. Ammunition shipments arriving daily by rail. \_\_\_\_\_ a train of 6 boxcars with ammunition and 1 flatcar with four 76.2-mm AA guns and their limbers arriving at the depot on the morning of 2 April. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 50X1-HUM

Ordnance Depot in Finow.

3. Between 6 and 8 March, it was determined that an ordnance spare parts depot was situated on Lichterfelderstrasse, Finow, which is believed to be affiliated with the Waldeslust ammunition depot, and with the armory which is in a former brass plant west of Lax Hesse Strasse. Continuous vehicular traffic was observed between these three installations. (4) Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ were parked at the approach road on the northeast side of the depot on 8 March. \_\_\_\_\_ 50X1-HUM
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the ordnance spare parts depot had been located in the old brass plant on Lax Hesse Strasse until the end of September or the beginning of October 1950. (5) After that time \_\_\_\_\_ several 122-mm guns in the sheds opposite Shed No 2, and a rocket launcher next to Shed No 2 in the depot on Lichterfelderstrasse. \_\_\_\_\_ 50X1-HUM

Armory in the Old Brass Plant, Finow.

5. Between 16 and 24 May, 14 heavy mortars of about 120-mm and 4 light AA guns of about 37-mm stood in Shed No 5 of the armory on the west side of Lax Hesse Strasse, Finow. (6) One of these AA guns was picked up by truck \_\_\_\_\_ on 19 May. Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ were always parked in the \_\_\_\_\_ 50X1-HUM

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armory yard. [ ] Personnel observed included Major Bralazov, (fnu), 1 senior lieutenant, 2 lieutenants and about 24 EM, all of whom were artillerymen.

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Motor Vehicle Repair Shop and Spare Parts Depot in the Old Brass Plant, Finow.

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6. Between 28 May and 2 June, jeeps [ ] and [ ] trucks were observed in the motor vehicle repair shop and spare parts depot in the old brass plant on the east side of Max Hesse Strasse. (7) They were either to be repaired or were hauling spare parts and supplies:

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For the first time, an amphibious car was seen in the yard of the repair shop, turned upside down, with its wheels dismantled, but with the propeller still fitted to the stern. [ ]

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7. A colonel and three other officers, riding in sedan inspected the repair shop and spare parts depot on 1 June. On 2 June, 1 NCO and 6 EM from the installation departed, allegedly for Kharkov, to be demobilized there. The NCO would get four weeks furlough before taking up his job as a civilian.

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Paragraph 5. 5th Gds Mecz Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

Paragraph 5. 25th Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army [ ]

Paragraph 6. 6th Gds Mecz Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, 25th Tank Div. and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

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- (3) The train is probably the same which was observed [ ] on 22 March 1951, consisting of six boxcars with ammunition, going from Satekorn to Finow [ ]

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- (4) The ordnance spare parts depot is also located in a building of the former brass plant, just southwest of an improvised airfield. It is credible that the depot and the armory mentioned in paragraph 5 are affiliated.

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- (5) The information indicates that the spare parts depot was moved from Max Meise Strasse to Lichtenfelderstrasse after the beginning of October 1950.

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- (6) [redacted] The installation may belong to the Fourth Gds Mocz Army. The concentration of Soviet supply installations of various sizes in the Finow area handicaps the identification of the individual installations.

- (7) The motor vehicle repair shop and spare parts depot is believed [redacted] to belong to the Fourth Gds Mocz Army.

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